



Impact of Health Care Reform and Repeal on Western New York¹

If the Affordable Care Act were repealed, insurance companies would be allowed to...

- **Deny coverage to as many as 1.1 million individuals** with pre-existing conditions.
- Impose **lifetime coverage limits on the 900,000 individuals**.
- Charge for essential preventive care services like cholesterol screening, mammograms, and many immunizations, **increasing costs for 480,000 individuals**.

And costs would increase for...

- Families: tax credits averaging **\$4,000 a piece** would be eliminated for up to **656,000 families**.
- Small businesses: tax credits would be eliminated for the roughly **50,600 eligible small businesses**.
- Seniors: nearly **42,000 seniors** would see their prescription drug costs go up by an average of **\$655 annually** due to the reopening of the Medicare Part D “donut hole.”

Already, because of health care reform...

- **20,200 young adults** now have health insurance.
- **1,710 small businesses** have received tax credits to help maintain or expand health care coverage for their employees.
- Nearly **42,000 seniors** have saved **\$28 million** in prescription drug costs.
- The Community **Health Center of Buffalo** and the **Neighborhood Health Center** in Buffalo both received grants to make expansions and improvements to their facilities. (These centers are not located in the district, but serve residents of NY-26.)
- New York State received nearly **\$5.5 million** in Health Insurance Premium Review Grants, designed to help hold insurance companies accountable for their proposed rate hikes.

¹ Statistics from The House Committee on Energy and Commerce Minority Office - http://housedocs.house.gov/energycommerce/health_2011/NY26.Lee.pdf; the White House - www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/06/28/fact-sheet-affordable-care-act-secure-health-coverage-middle-class; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/05/20120501a.html>; and HealthCare.gov - <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/resources/ny.html>. Western New York is defined as New York Congressional Districts 26, 27, 28, and 29.